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September 12, 2011

To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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From: William T Fujioka
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

The Legislature adjourned the first year of the 2011-12 Legislative Session in the early hours of September 10, 2011, and Governor Brown now has until October 9, 2011 to act on bills passed on or before September 9, 2011.

This memorandum contains an update on eight County-advocacy measures, the status of two pension reform bills, and the status on seven County-interest bills acted on in the final days of the Session.

Status of County Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 375 (Skinner), which as amended August 31, 2011, would expand the presumption of work-related injuries to hospital employees infected with blood-borne infectious diseases or Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), failed passage on the Senate Floor by a vote of 20 to 16 on September 9, 2011. Therefore, this measure is dead.

County-opposed AB 436 (Solario), which as amended August 30, 2011, would, among other provisions, allow the Director of the Department of Finance to authorize a loan not to exceed \$4.3 million from the Uninsured Employers Benefit Trust Fund to the State Public Works Enforcement Fund to meet the start-up needs of the State Department of Industrial Relations compliance monitoring unit, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 51 to 27 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

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County-opposed AB 1155 (Alejo), which as amended August 30, 2011, would prohibit a number of factors such as age and genetic characteristics when determining the allocation of disability benefits to an employee filing a workers' compensation claim, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 44 to 22 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1182 (Hernández), which as amended on August 22, 2011, would delete the requirement that county welfare departments assess the value of a vehicle when determining and re-determining eligibility for applicants and recipients of CalWORKs benefits, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 52 to 25 on September 8, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed SB 244 (Wolk), which as amended on August 15, 2011, would expand the planning and zoning law to require a city or county to amend its general plan to address the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, inside or near its boundaries, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 47 to 30 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 568 (Lowenthal), which as amended on July 12, 2011, would prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food in a polystyrene foam food container, was placed on the Assembly Inactive file on September 8, 2011. This measure is now a two-year bill.

County-opposed SB 734 (DeSaulnier), which as amended on September 2, 2011, would, among other provisions, impose certain requirements related to the expenditure of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds for adult and dislocated worker job training programs by requiring that at least 25 percent beginning in program year 2012 and at least 30 percent beginning in program year 2016 of WIA funds be spent on job training programs; and allow up to 10 percent of leveraged resources to be credited to meeting this threshold, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 25 to 15 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed SB 744 (Wyland), which as amended on July 13, 2011, would exempt water submeters for use in a multiunit residential structure from testing and approval by the county sealer before they are placed into service for commercial use, was placed on the Assembly Inactive file on September 6, 2011. This measure is now a two-year bill.

Legislation of County Interest – Pension Reform

AB 340 (Furutani) and SB 827 (Simitian), which as amended on September 7, 2011, are identical measures which declare Legislative to convene a Conference Committee to craft legislation to reform State and local pension systems. According to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), these bills will lead to the establishment of a bipartisan committee which will include representatives from the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the California Public Employees Retirement System, the California State Teachers Retirement System, and other key stakeholders. CSAC indicates that the Conference Committee will convene during the Legislative interim recess and will provide a report to the Legislature in January 2012.

Other Legislation of County Interest

AB 42 (Huffman), which as amended on August 30, 2011, would until January 1, 2019, authorize the California Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an operating agreement with a qualified nonprofit organization for the operation, development, improvement, restoration, care, maintenance, and administration of a unit or units, or portion of a unit of the State Park System under certain conditions, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 76 to 0 on September 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

AB 210 (Solorio), which would have allowed cities, counties and fire districts to establish their own Emergency Medical Services standards and no longer require that they meet existing local EMS requirements was amended on September 1, 2011 to delete these provisions which were amended into **AB 1387 (Solorio)**. The author has made AB 1387 a two-year bill and agreed to work with stakeholders on amendments in 2012. This office will continue working with the Sacramento advocates, the Department of Health Services and the author's office to address County concerns regarding AB 1387.

AB 438 (Williams), which was amended on September 2, 2011, would until January 1, 2019, impose requirements, on a city or library district that intends to withdraw from a county free library system and operate libraries with a private contractor, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 45 to 28 on September 8, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

AB 506 (Wieckowski), which as amended on September 8, 2011, would impose a mediation requirement on local public entities prior to seeking Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection, and allow them to file for bankruptcy protection by adopting a resolution, on a majority vote, at a noticed public hearing based on findings that the financial state of

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the local public entity jeopardizes the health, safety or well-being of the residents of the local public entity's jurisdiction, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 52 to 26 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

AB 900 (Buchanan), which as amended on September 9, 2011, would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 and establish specified judicial review of an Environmental Impact Report and approvals of leadership projects related to the development of a residential, retail, commercial, sports, cultural, entertainment, recreational use, clean renewable energy, or clean energy manufacturing projects, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 48 to 15 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

SB 356 (Blakeslee), which as amended on September 2, 2011, would require the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), if it proposes to fully close a State park unit with no planned public access, to notify the county or city in which the unit is located and give the county or city an opportunity to take over operation of the State park unit and would authorize CDPR to expend funds remaining from a previous appropriation of State bond funds for a grant to the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 35 to 0 on September 9, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

SB 386 (Harman), which as amended on June 30, 2011, would require the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) to post on its internet website, at least 30 days prior to the closure of a State park to public access, specified information on the State park closure, including information on how to contact CDPR in writing if an individual or other party is interested in entering into negotiations with CDPR for a contract to lease, operate, maintain or provide concessions at a State park that is proposed to be closed, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 38 to 0 on September 1, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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c: All Department Heads
Legislative Strategist